

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

- 1                   1.       (Twice Amended) A billiard cue comprising:
- 2                   a shaft having a wall with an outer surface and a tip end and an
- 3                   opposed end, a hollow, void bore extending from the tip end for at least a
- 4                   predetermined distance along the length of the shaft toward the opposed end to
- 5                   reduce the mass of the tip end to minimize cue ball deflection on impact with the cue.